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I think the key phrase should be “**safe operations.**” The CPUC and everyone’s aunt now know from the Blade Energy root cause analysis that SoCalGas did NOT operate its Aliso facility in a safe manner. Surely not inspecting the wells whenever a problem was detected is NOT maintaining the facility in a safe manner. Surely ignoring the warning on an onsite manager about seismic dangers (former SoCalGas engineering manager James Mansdorfer’s email on April 23, 2009 that got a “We’ll do nothing” response from Bret Lane, the current CEO of SoCalGas, is NOT operating a potentially explosive facility in a safe manner.

The July 4th and 5th Searles Valley earthquakes should remind everyone that having natural gas infrastructure in a quake-prone state is not a smart thing to do. Some local residents in the desert lost their homes due to gas line ruptures. We in the northern San Fernando Valley remember that back on January 17, 1994, several homes were destroyed in a similar rupture on Balboa Blvd. in Granada Hills.

The CPUC keeps failing to provide oversight over the SoCalGas Company facilities. This includes the manipulation of supply due to pipeline cracks and failures, which seem to have taken an inordinate period of time to repair. I am aware that a new OII has been issued to look into the Aliso safety issues. But until the CPUC truly starts to properly regulate the private utilities so that the public (and even the utility workers) is safe, it’s acting as a captive regulator. And the only winners are the pocketbooks of Sempra management.

We know that as a result of the Aliso blowout, the facility was basically off line for more than 640 days without one single occurrence of a blackout resulting from that moratorium. We do know that shortly after the Department of Conservation rushed through a resumption of service in July 2019, which should have been considered a violation of SB-380, several wells had pressurization problems.

For more information about the basis of my comments, please refer to this website: <https://wearealiso.wixsite.com/website/2019/>

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